

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
MEETING MINUTES
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: City Council Government Center, Room 9081

Council Members Present:

Lisa McNiven, Vice Chair
Daniel Strones
Karen Cushnyr (by telephone)
Sacheen Smith
Sean King
Matthew Loehman

City Staff Present:

Adam Leuschel, Assistant City Attorney and ADA Advisory Council Attorney
Patricia Padrino, Assistant City Attorney and ADA Coordinator
Danyel Mayer, Paralegal

Members of the Public:

There were at least two members of the public in attendance but their names are unknown.

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair McNiven at approximately 5:34 p.m. with six council members participating. Member Volkmer was not in attendance.

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Member Strones pointed out a typo on the April 2019 meeting minutes. Under Members of the Public it should read "Carisa Guerra" and not "Karissa Guerra". Member Strones moved to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting and the April 2019 Meeting Minutes as amended. Member Cushnyr seconded the motion. The agenda and minutes were approved.

ITEM 3: INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chair McNiven asked that everyone in attendance take a moment to introduce themselves.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEM 5: ADA COORDINATOR REPORT - PATRICIA PADRINO

Ms. Padrino said she has not received many complaint calls from the public since she last reported to the ADA Advisory Council committee members in April.

Ms. Padrino advised the board that Brittany Ortiz from the Office of Equity and Inclusion would like to speak at the next ADA Advisory Council meeting, if possible. Ms. Ortiz let Ms. Padrino know that Restoration Pizza is getting involved in the One Albuquerque movement and celebrating an inclusive Albuquerque business by releasing the One Albuquerque t-shirts at its new location on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 7p-9p.

ITEM 6: CULTURAL SERVICES DEPT. – SHELLE SANCHEZ AND/OR HAKIM BELLAMY

Discussion on this topic was tabled since nobody from Cultural Services Department was present. Vice Chair McNiven will reach out to Dr. Shelle Sanchez and/or Hakim Bellamy to see about rescheduling.

ITEM 7: ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Airport Site Tour Report – Member King

Member King read the members' Airport Site Tour Report, which had been prepared by Member Smith, aloud. Members Smith, King, and Loehman participated in a site visit at the Albuquerque Sunport which took place on April 26, 2019. The members were able to identify several areas and systems used at the airport that were not accessible to persons with disabilities. The members also learned about services available to persons who need assistance (i.e. TSA Cares). Member Smith said the airport staff that participated in the site visit will now collaborate to see what changes they can incorporate to make the airport more accessible.

B. ADA Retreat Report – Vice Chair McNiven

Vice Chair McNiven and Members Loehman, Strones, and King participated in the ADA Advisory Council's annual retreat in April. Vice Chair McNiven would like to meet with Ms. Padrino to discuss questions the council members had before finalizing the report.

During the retreat, the members discussed a timeline for the next year, and ideas on how to get more public to attend the monthly meetings. The members developed a mission statement and vision statement, which Vice Chair McNiven read aloud. The members also discussed October being Disability Awareness Month and how they would like to have a booth at the UNM Student Building during the month of October. Member Strones advised the group that the UNM Society of Enabled Engineers will be holding a dance in October to celebrate Disability Awareness Month.

C. Election of a New Chair for the ADA Advisory Committee

Vice Chair McNiven volunteered to act as the Interim Chair until a new Chair is appointed in August, and there were no objections. Member Smith volunteered to act as the Interim Vice Chair until a new Vice Chair is appointed in August. Mr. Leuschel asked the members if anyone else was interested in filling the Interim Vice Chair position, and no one was interested. A vote was held and all the members voted to approve Member Smith as the Interim Vice Chair.

ITEM 8: NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS

Ms. Mayer reminded the members about the rescheduled downtown walkabout with Deputy City Attorney Winter Torres on May 16, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. All who are interested in participating can meet the group on the east side of City Hall.

Member Smith will be participating by telephone during the June meeting.

ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled ADA Advisory Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Lisa McNiven, Interim Chair

Date: _____